

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending at the time of the Office Action. Claims 1, 3, 11, and 20 were amended; and claims 8-9 and 12 were canceled in a Preliminary Amendment filed on June 24, 2004.

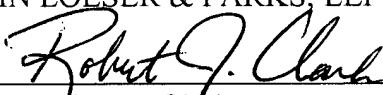
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The claims examined by the Examiner in the Office action of July 12, 2004, are not the latest claims as amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 24, 2004. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration and that the Examiner issue a new Office action taking into consideration the claims as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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